

Remarks

Applicants appreciate the allowance of the pending claims after a long and carefully considered prosecution. The "Reasons for Allowance" included in the Notice of Allowance, however, merits a response.

Applicants agree that Bennett differs from the claimed invention for at least the reasons proffered by the Notice of Allowance. A more detailed analysis of the differences may be found in applicants' prior response.

Applicants note that newly cited reference U.S. Published Application 2003/0014544 to Pettey, which was said to be discovered after another search, was filed February 15, 2001, several years after the priority date claimed for the current application.

Respectfully submitted,




Mark Lauer
Reg. No. 36,578
6601 Koll Center Parkway
Suite 245
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Tel: (925) 621-2121
Fax: (925) 621-2125

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with sufficient postage in the US Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: MS Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 26, 2009.

Date: 1-26-09



Mark Lauer